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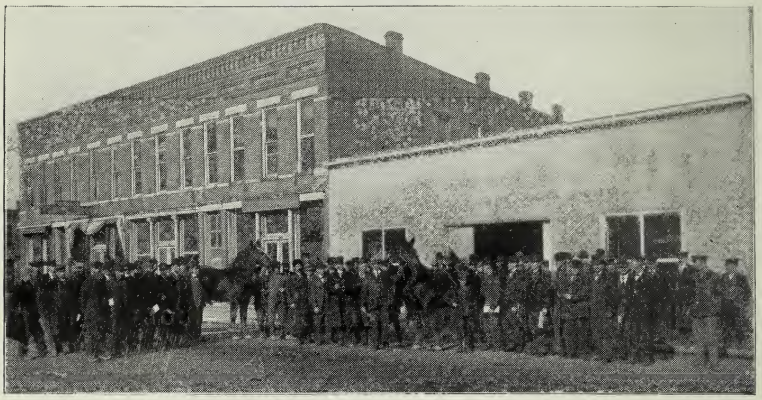


Scene in front of Automobile Garage in which animals were judged at the Agricultural Extension School at Paulding, Ohio.

Scene in the Court Room where instruction was given in the Agricultural Extension School at Paulding, Dec. 28, '08 to Jan. 2, '09.

Agricultural Extension Schools

Introductory Statement

This bulletin has been prepared to give information concerning the holding of agricultural extension schools as provided for in the Alsdorf Law passed by the 78th General Assembly, Extraordinary Session. Applications for schools and correspondence regarding the same should be addressed to Superintendent A. B. Graham, College of Agriculture, Columbus, Ohio.

THE ALSDORF LAW

The following is a copy of the Alsdorf Law to provide for Agricultural Extension work by the College of Agriculture and Domestic Science of Ohio State University:

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

2. Section 1. That the College of Agriculture and Domestic Science of the Ohio State University is hereby authorized and instructed to arrange for the extension of its teachings throughout the state and shall arrange to hold schools in which instruction shall be given in soil fertility, stock raising, kindred subjects; each school shall not exceed one week in length, and not more than one shall be held in any county during a year.

crop production, dairying, horticulture, domestic science, and

Section 2. The said College, in addition to the holding of schools as provided in section one of this act, shall give instruction and demonstrations in various lines of agriculture, at agricultural fairs, institutes, granges, clubs, or in connection with any other organizations, that, in the judgment of the said College may be useful in extending agricultural knowledge. The work in agricultural extension may also include instruction by mail and the publication of bulletins designed to carry the benefits of its teachings to communities remote from the College.

Section 3. For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act, there is hereby appropriated out of the funds in the state treasury, and not otherwise appropriated, the sum of twenty thousand dollars, the same to be available on and after the first day of July, 1909, and to be expended under the direction of the Board of Trustees of the Ohio State University, for agricultural extension work, as set forth in this act, but no part of the appropriation herein provided for shall be available for rent, heat, light, janitor services or other local expenses, and such local expenses shall be provided for by the community in which such school is held or instruction and demonstrations are given.

UNIVERSITY RULES

Rules to Govern the Holding of "Agricultural Extension Schools" Adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Ohio State University, April 8, 1909.

1. Schools shall be held at points designated by the Board of Trustees of the Ohio State University on recommendation of the faculty of the Agricultural College.
2. Satisfactory rooms for instruction and demonstration shall be provided and properly cared for by and at the expense of the local community as set forth in the law.
3. Applications for schools shall be made on a blank form furnished by the College of Agriculture and signed by not less than 25 persons, who shall pledge their support, and guarantee any deficiency that may arise in the local expenses of the school.
4. When applications are granted a local organization shall be perfected which in co-operation with the Superintendent of Agricultural Extension shall have charge of all local arrangements for holding the school.

APPLICATIONS

Applications for schools shall be made on blank forms furnished by the Superintendent of Agricultural Extension and signed by not less than twenty-five persons as provided in the above rules. For this year all applications for schools should

be on file with the Superintendent of Agricultural Extension by July 1st as the schedule of schools that will be held the following winter will be made up as soon after that date as possible. For other years, applications should be filed by an earlier date not at present decided upon. Any applications that may be made after July 1st will only be considered after the ones previously filed have been disposed of.

Applicants are requested to give as definite information as possible on the application blank in regard to the rooms that will be available for holding the schools.

LOCAL ORGANIZATION

The object of forming a local organization is to secure satisfactory rooms for instruction and demonstration, to properly advertise the school and to solicit the attendance of persons who may be benefited, and that appropriate committees may be organized and that means may be devised for raising funds to defray the local expenses.

It is suggested that the following committees be appointed: (1) Finance and local arrangements; (2) membership and advertising; and (3) demonstration material.

The Committee on Finance and Local Arrangements should secure rooms and see that they are properly heated, seated, lighted; further that tables, trestles, etc. are furnished and that the rooms are properly cared for during the school.

The Committee on Membership and Advertising shall look after printing and the securing of members for the school.

The Committee on Demonstration Material shall secure live stock and samples of corn, fruit, etc., for judging; they shall also furnish other material necessary for demonstration purposes.

The Board of Trustees of the Ohio State University recommend the following: That each prospective member of the school should pay to the treasurer of the local organization a membership fee of $1.00 to defray local expenses; that no school should be held where fewer than fifty membership fees have been paid by bonafide members; and that the receipted membership cards should be filed with the College of Agriculture ten days before the opening of school.

COURSES

The following courses will be offered:

Soil Fertility:

This course will consist of a discussion of the principles underlying the maintenance of soil fertility including such subjects as food requirements of plants, the use and effects of tillage drainage, manures, fertilizers, lime, etc.

Farm Crops:

This course will consist of a study of corn and corn judging and such other of the more important farm crops as time will permit. Practice work will be given in corn judging and seed selection.

Live Stock:

The work in this subject will take up a discussion of the types of farm animals and feeding and breeding of live stock. Practical instruction will be given in stock judging.

Dairying:

This course will include instruction in the principles of dairying, feeding and breeding of dairy cattle, barn sanitation, and the care of milk.

Horticulture:

The work of this course will consist of instruction in the principles of fruit and vegetable growing and will include cultivation, pruning, spraying, and marketing of horticultural crops.

Home Making:

This course will be given to the selection and preparation of foods, sanitation, decoration, and other subjects of importance to the household. Practical demonstrations in food selection and preparation will be made.

SCHEDULE.

The sessions will open at 9 A. M. and close at 4 P. M. An intermission of one hour will be given at noon. Each exercise will begin at five minutes after the opening hour.

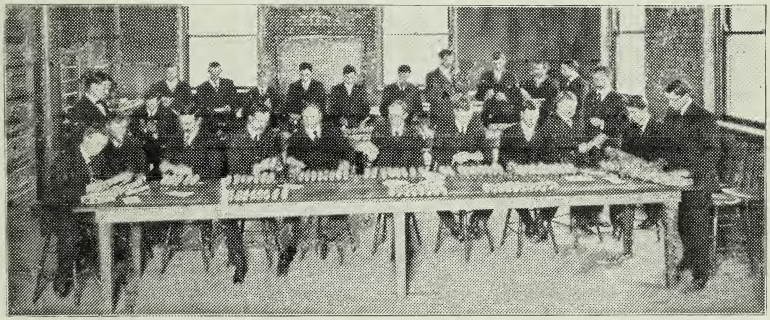
EXPENSES.

Since the law states that local expenses shall be provided for by the community in which the Agricultural Extension School is held, the following items of expense need to be provided for:

Hotel expenses during the school for all instructors and assistants from the College of Agriculture. There will not usually be more than five persons.

Rent of assembly room and other comfortable quarters in which live stock is to be judged; and for heat, light, and janitor service for the same.

Railroad fare and the pay of instructors will not be items of expense to be borne by the community in which the Agricultural Extension School is held.



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